

α

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/898,452	CHEN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Thien D. Tran	2665	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/27/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
|---|--|

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest a method for solving a mismatched negotiation result between an auto-negotiation mode and an enforce mode in a Ethernet, the method being applied to a local device with an auto-negotiation mode, the local device being connected to a remote device, the local device having a plurality of registers comprising at least an auto-negotiation advertisement register (ANAR) for recording information advertised to the remote device by the local device, and an auto-negotiation link partner ability register (ANLPAR) for recording an ability of the remote device, the method comprising steps of:

(e) determining whether contents of the ANAR and ANLPAR registers are matched, and if the contents of the ANAR and the ANLPAR registers are matched proceeding to a step (f), and otherwise proceed to a step (g);

(f) setting the local and the remote devices to be normally connected and terminating the method; and

(g) disconnecting the local and the remote devices, in combination with other limitations as specified in the independent claims 1.

Regarding claim 9, the prior arts fail to teach or fairly suggest method for solving a mismatched negotiation result between an auto-negotiation mode and an enforce mode in a Ethernet, the method being applied to a local device with an auto-negotiation mode, the local device being set to one of a 100 Mbps full duplex mode (100FDX), a

Art Unit: 2665

100 Mbps half duplex mode (100HDX), a 10 Mbps full duplex mode (10FDX) and a 10 Mbps half duplex mode (10HDX), the local device being connected to a remote device, the local device having a plurality of registers comprising at least an auto-negotiation advertisement register (ANAR) for recording information advertised to the remote device by the local device, and an auto-negotiation link partner ability register (ANLPAR) for recording an ability of the remote device, the method comprising steps of: (a) turning on the auto-negotiation mode; (b) determining whether the remote device is in the auto-negotiation mode; (c) determining whether a transmission speed of 10 Mbps is enforced by a user when the remote device is in the auto-negotiation mode, and if the transmission speed is 10 Mbps then proceed to a step (d), otherwise proceed to a step (g);

(d) turning off the 100FDX mode according to contents of the ANAR register;

(g) turning off the 10FDX and the 10HDX modes according to the ANAR register in combination with other limitation as specified in the independent claim 9.

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155. Any inquiry of a general nature

Art Unit: 2665

of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

3. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have any questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197.

Patent Examiner

Thien Tran

DUCHO  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

*Ducho*  
6-10-05